Bugle Rock Garden, Bangalore

*465. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to bear 80 per cent of the estimated costs of upgrading the Bugle Rock Garden into a place of tourist attraction in Bangalore;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the above work;

(c) whether Government have released any amount, so far;

(d) whether the above work has been taken up; and

(e) if not, by when the above work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Development and promotion of tourist places/centres in the State is primarily the responsibility of the State Government of Karnataka. However the Department of Tourism in the Central Government provide financial assistance on the basis of projects prioritised annually in consultation with them. The proposal for Bugle Rock project from the State Government of Karnataka was received on 7.3.2001, after the project of Karnataka were prioritised for 2000-2001.

(b) The State Government has informed that the cost of the project would be Rs. 100.00 lakhs.

(c) The Director of Tourism of Karnataka Government has been advised to bring the project for prioritisation in the year 2001-2002 for consideration and as & when it is prioritised, it will be processed on *inter-se-priority* basis and funds released, subject to availability.

(d) Not yet, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.